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CONAKRY FOR CODEL DIGGS

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SUBJECT: CODEL DIGGS: MEETING WITH ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR
TO BELGIUM AND THE EC

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1. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, COMMITTEE STAFF DIRECTOR
WARD AND EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER MET AUGUST 25 WITH
LUIS JOSE DE ALMEIDA, ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM
AND THE E.C. DE ALMEIDA EXPRESSED PLEASURE IN SEEING
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CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AGAIN, RECALLING THAT THEY HAD
LAST MET IN 1975 IN WASHINGTON WHEN DE ALMEIDA WAS
SEEKING U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA DURING ANGOLAN CIVIL
WAR.

2. DE ALMEIDA, WHO HAD JUST BEEN IN KINSHASA FOR THE
MOBUTU-NETO MEETING, WAS ENTHUSIASTIC AND GUARDEDLY

OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND ZAIRE. SAYING THAT HE WAS UNDER NO ILLUSION THAT ALL DIFFICULT OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS WOULD BE EASILY SOLVED BETWEEN THE FORMER ENEMIES AND MINDFUL THAT MOBUTU WAS UNDER EXTENSIVE WESTERN PRESSURE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS, DE ALMEIDA SAID THAT HE

NEVERTHELESS FELT THAT THIS WAS A STEP FORWARD AND THAT THE MOMENTUM SHOULD BE MAINTAINED. HE STRESSED THAT ANGOLA WANTED AND NEEDED PEACE WITH ALL ITS NEIGHBORS, AND SUGGESTED THAT IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH ZAMBIA WAS THE NEXT IMPORTANT ITEM OF BUSINESS

3. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS ASKED DE ALMEIDA FOR HIS VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITY OR PRACTICALITY OF THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT'S COMING TO SOME SORT OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SAVIMBI AND UNITA. DE ALMEIDA REPLIED THAT IF THERE WERE A SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIA CRISIS AS ANGOLA HOPES, THAN SAVIMBI, A TOOL OF SOUTH AFRICAN POLICY, WOULD CEASE TO EXIST AS A POLITICAL FORCE. HE SAID THAT ANGOLA WELCOMES THE RETURN OF ALL ANGOLANS OF POLITICAL PERSUASIONS AND WOULD WELCOME THE UNITA RANK AND FILE WITH NO RECRIMINATIONS. AS FOR SAVIMBI AND THE UNITA LEADERSHIP, THEY BROUGHT THE SOUTH AFRICANS INTO ANGOLA AND THEREFORE WOULD HAVE TO STAND TRIAL FOR TREASON. DE ALMEIDA WOULD NOT BE BUDGED
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FROM THIS FORMULATION.

4. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS REMINDED DE ALMEIDA THAT HE IS LEADER IN THE CONGRESS OF THOSE WHO FAVOR ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ANGOLA AND GAVE DE ALMEIDA A RUN-DOWN ON EVOLVING U.S. OPINION IN THE CONGRESS AND THE NATION ON THIS ISSUE. DE ALMEIDA REPLIED GOOD HUMOREDLY THAT ANGOLA HAD REPEATEDLY TOLD THE UNITED STATES - MANY TIMES HERE IN BRUSSELS - THAT ANGOLA WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER WESTERN NATIONS, BUT THAT THE WEST WOULD HAVE TO "TAKE US AS WE ARE" AND THAT ANGOLA WOULD NOT ACCEPT PRECONDITIONS. REFERRING TO HIS ROLE AS ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR TO VIRTUALLY ALL OF WESTERN EUROPE, DE ALMEIDA SAID THAT ANGOLA'S RELATIONS WITH KEY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE DEVELOPING SATISFACTORILY AND THAT HE EXPECTED ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE EC AND INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO EXPAND CONSIDERABLY. IN REPLY TO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' QUESTION ON THE NETO-EANES SUMMIT MEETING, DE ALMEIDA STRESSED THAT ANGOLA WANTED GOOD RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL AND WOULD WELCOME PORTUGUESE TECHNICIANS SOON TO BE

SENT TO ANGOLA. HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT PORTUGAL IS ITSELF A DEVELOPING NATION WITH SEVERE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF ITS OWN AND THEREFORE IS IN NO POSITION AT THIS TIME TO COME FORWARD WITH MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

5. DE ALMEIDA MENTIONED THE GOOD RELATIONSHIP AND CLIMATE EXISTS IN ANGOLA FOR U.S. CORPORATIONS,

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CITING GULF AND CATERPILLAR. IN RESPONSE TO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' QUESTION REGARDING ANGOLA'S PREFERENCES FOR THE FORM OF FUTURE WESTERN INVESTMENT IN ANGOLA, DE ALMEIDA SAID THAT ANGOLA PREFERRED MIXED CORPORATIONS (ANGOLA 51) BUT WITH NO RESTRICTIONS ON THE REPATRIATION OF PROFITS.

6. OUR REPORT ON CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' MEETING WITH

BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET
ALFRED CAHEN WILL FOLLOW IN SEPTTEL. CHAMBERS

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